

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, APRIL 14, 2004

GENERALIZED SUMMARY

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session at 4:00 p.m. to discuss fiscal plan and the assumptions that have been made in the plan. Those in attendance included Councilors Jim Belden, Jim Wallace, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Commissioner Altman, Auditor Mills, Chief Deputy Auditor Coverdale and Sheriff Carter.

Financial consultant Mike Reuter discussed

- Resolution COIT distribution to the Solid Waste District

- 2005 COIT Distribution Estimates (conservative assumption, state won't certify distribution until August 2004)

- County met with Department of Revenue concerning COIT shortfall

- City of Carmel annexation and 2004 tax rate.

- 2005 Budget assumptions and guidelines

- Establishing Cumulative Courthouse Fund

Councilor Levine discussed feasibility of

- Increasing E911 fees to maximum of \$2.20 per line

- Instituting wheel tax

Work session adjourned at 4:59:58

President Belden called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 5:13:02 p.m. Auditor Mills called role: Jim Wallace, Judy Levine, John Hiatt, Jim Belden, Steve Schwartz, Rick McKinney and Meredith Carter.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilor Hiatt.

[5:14:19] Councilor Levine moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2004. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion with change to page 1 under President announcements. Motion carried (7-0). Minutes reflect change.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

President Will discuss as items come up on agenda

Vice President None

Finance [5:15:48] Councilor Belden reported:

- Committee met and discussed fiscal plan as it pertains to 2004, effects of the revenue shortages that are predicted in 2005 and 2006. We did have a work session where budget guidelines were discussed and will be presented in May to all department heads.

Highway [5:15:42] Councilor McKinney deferred until later

Personnel [5:16:29] Councilor Levine reported committee met and discussed several items. Those items not on tonight's meeting were deferred to budget hearings.

Miscellaneous [5:16:54] Councilor Levine reported

- Council on aging will be approaching the Board of Commissioners regarding a small grant and will present more information to the Council in the future.

Commissioner Report [5:17:29] Councilor Altman reported

- MPO met and policy committee voted to move from Phase II to Phase III. The NE corridor will be studied very closely to be the starter system for our mass transit. Carmel is also being studied concurrently for spur lines in that system.

Pleased to announce that the \$10,000,000 Homeland Security grant has been formally approved.

\$3,000,000 additional request for Juvenile Detention will be reimbursed from the bond funds will allow the start of site work. Commissioners also authorized RQAW to look at the Jail concurrent with this process to build out on a minimal basis what's necessary to maximize the Jail facility for the next 10 years. This will allow us to meet compliance requirements with the State and Federal government.

Requested favorable approval of Emergency Management 144 amendment on agenda

We have reached a tentative agreement with the City of Noblesville to extend 146th Street east to I-69.

The Commissioners will meet next week with Larry Dawson of Envoy in an attempt to inventory our assets in terms of space and determine some long term planning with respect to the Judicial Center.

Commissioners met with the Sheridan Town Council. Sheridan's highest priority is Lamong Road therefore it will be redesigned back to a two lane road to make it affordable the get this project back up on the priority list.

Councilor McKinney asked if there was any news on Animal Control or the Building. Commissioner Altman stated they have allowed the Humane Society 60 to 90 days to re-orient themselves and work with Susan Jennings to put together a revised plan of operations.

Councilor Levine asked if the Commissioners have met with Paul I. Cripe and revised the expectations of the Animal Control Facility. Commissioners Altman stated everything has been put on hold until we know whether Hamilton County will be working with the Humane Society or on our own. That decision will be made based upon what the Humane Society comes up with as their operational plans.

Commissioner Altman announced Mike Deering with MPO will be at the Highway on April 30, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss what he sees happening with the Regional Transit Authority. Information has been submitted to the Marion County Council regarding reactivating this authority to coincide with what the MPO is trying to accomplish with Phase III in mass transit.

Unfinished/Tabled Business

New Business

[5:27:27] Councilor Levine moved to approve Resolution 04-14-04-1 "A Resolution of the County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana Designating an area within Hamilton County Commonly Identified as Lot 3, Block 3 of the Mayflower Park as an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purpose of Seven (7) year Real Property Tax Abatement for Aces Power Marketing, LLC. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

[5:28:50] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Resolution 04-14-04-2 "Solid Waste COIT Distribution". Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

[5:29:46] Councilor Wallace moved to approve Resolution 04-14-04-3 "A Resolution Of The Hamilton County Council Authorizing The Hamilton County Drainage Board To Obtain A Loan To Pay The Cost Of The Reconstruction Of The Thistlewaite Drain" Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor McKinney left meeting for another engagement.

Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144

[5:32:13] Councilor Levine moved to approve Auditor additional request of \$13,500 in 101.003.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:33:11] Councilor Levine moved to approve Auditor additional request of \$1,500 in 101.003.000.3822 Other Contracts. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:34:15] Councilor Levine moved to approve Auditor additional request of \$32,100 in 101.003.000.3832 Official Record Preservation. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[5:34:45] Councilor Levine moved to approve Commissioners additional request of \$20,152 in 101.011.000.3893 Property Tax. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:35:23] Councilor Levine moved to approve Commissioners additional request of \$3,000,000 in 101.011.000.4024 Preliminary Site Work Juvenile Detention Center. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:37:19] Councilor Levine moved to approve ISSD 144 amendment of position 1016 at \$50,339 and additional request of \$31,695 in 101.020.000.1016 Network Administrator. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:39:15] Councilor Levine moved to approve Election additional request of \$50,000 in line items 101.023.000.3601 Postage/Meter \$40,000 and 101.023.000.2001 Supplies \$10,000. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:41:35] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Emergency Management 144 Amendment of positions 1001 Interim Director at \$39,312 and 1002 Deputy Director at 39,565. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:42:05] Councilor Wallace moved to approve Jail additional request of \$128,000 in 101.027.000.1300 Part time, \$56,700 in 101.027.000.1407 Overtime and \$3,300 in 101.027.000.4032 Jail Equipment. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Wallace moved to approve Jail Detention additional request of \$128,000 in 358.000.000.1300 Part time, \$56,700 in 358.000.000.3713 Contractual Services, \$139,625 in 358.000.000.4032 Jail Equipment. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:46:30] Councilor Levine moved to approve Surveyor additional request of \$7,661 in 101.044.000.4031 Misc. Equipment. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:51:03] Councilor Levine moved to approve Fall Creek Township 144 Amendment of position 1003 at \$33,761 and \$371 additional request in 101.065.000.1003 Staff Field Appraiser. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:51:32] Councilor Carter moved to approve Health 144 Amendments of positions 1006 Environmental Health Specialist at \$35,380; 1007 HHW Director at \$50,339 and 1010 HHW Technician. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Health additional request of \$26,041 in line items 105.000.000.1006 Environmental Health Specialist \$22,276, 105.000.000.1401 Social Security \$1,704 and 105.000.000.1403 Retirement \$2,061. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Health transfer request of \$3,000 from 105.000.000.1003 Director of Nursing to 105.000.000.1007 HHW Director \$1,864 and 105.000.000.1010 HHW Technician \$1,136. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[5:58:39] Councilor Carter moved to approve Parks additional request of 673,452 in line items 106.000.000.3713 Contractual Services \$17,243; 106.000.000.4019 Paving &

Roads \$114,875; 106.000.000.4027 Playground Equipment \$134,302 and 106.000.000.4029 Coxhall Gardens \$407,031. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[6:00:36] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Reassessment 144 amendment of position 1003 Staff Field Appraiser at \$37,118 and additional request of \$371 in 108.000.000.1003 Staff Field Appraiser. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Wallace left meeting for another engagement.

[6:01:09] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve E911 additional request of \$33,001 in 119.000.000.4009 Emergency Communication Equipment. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[6:01:29] Councilor Levine moved to approve Major Bridge Fund additional request of \$20,000 in 120.000.000.0191 Olio Road / Geist Reservoir. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

[6:02:22] Councilor Levine moved to approve Highway Bond Fund transfer request of \$590,383.86 from 159.000.000.3831 146th Street: Contract #2 at \$506,203.86; 159.000.000.4533 96th Street (Fall Creek-Olio) at \$17,010 and 159.000.000.4827 Olio Road: 96th Street to Geist at \$67,170 to 159.000.000.4536 146th Street Extension. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve \$567,048.31 reductions in the following line items:

\$100,000.00	159.088.000.3831	Br. #169/Sand Creek Construction
\$ 29,281.48	159.089.000.3831	Strawtown Avenue Pse 2 Construction Cost
\$ 11,823.48	159.089.000.3929	Strawtown Avenue Pse 2 R/W Acquisition
\$239,504.18	159.090.000.3832	Olio Road: Site Cost
\$ 36,306.17	159.090.000.3849	Olio Road: Construction Inspection
\$150,133.00	159.090.000.3929	Olio Road: R/W Acquisition

Councilor Levine moved to approve additional request of \$853,422 in 159.000.000.4536 146th Street Extension. Councilor Carter seconded motions. Motions carried 5-0.

[6:03:53] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Juvenile Detention Fund additional request of \$3,000,000 in 175.000.000.3835 Preliminary Site Work. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

[6:04:43] Councilor Levine moved to approve Highway COIT Fund additional request of \$100,000 in 283.000.000.3723 Contractual. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

[6:05:40] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Highway COIT Fund additional request of \$240,000 in 283.000.000.3944 Lamong Road Extension. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

[6:06:57] Councilor Levine moved to approve Probation User Fees additional request of \$63,067 in 316.000.000.3704 Medical Services. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS [6:08:12]

Auditor Mills announced there will be a Public Hearing on May 5 at 7:00 p.m. to complete the ACES Power Marketing abatement.

Councilor Belden requested another work session at the May 5th meeting from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Auditor Mills asked if an Executive Session should be advertised for Land Acquisition?

Councilor Belden stated:
Executive Session 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m
Work session 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting 7:10 p.m.

ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS - None

[6:10:34] Councilor Levine moved to adjourn. Councilor Hiatt seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Those present:	
Barry McNulty, Health	BJ Casali, ISSD
R. David Bice, EMA	D. Bice Zalzka, Public
Dan Stevens, HCSD	Jeff Burt, ACES
Dave Claspell, ACES	Dave Tudor, ACES
Jay Walters, ACES	Jim Neal, HCHD
Brad Davis, HCHD	Jeff Marcum, HCSD
Jill Jennings, HCSD	Phillip A Pearson
Larry Dawson, Envoy	Eric Juarez, Probation
Diana Lamirand, Ledger	Ike Batalis, Interest

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